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PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re: Patent Application of : Group Art Unit: 1637
Clark Rundell *et al.* :
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PETITION FOR THREE-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

Applicants in the above-identified application hereby petition for a Three-month extension of time to and including May 27, 2003, for responding to the Office Action mailed November 27, 2002 (Paper No. 9). A Response to the Office Action accompanies this Petition.

- [] A check in the amount of \$____.00 is enclosed herewith.
- [X] The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account No. **50-0310 (Billing No. 53650-5001-00)** as noted below. A duplicate copy of this Petition is enclosed.
- [X] Extension fee in the amount of **\$460.00**.
- [X] Any deficiencies or overpayments in the above-calculated fee.

Respectfully submitted,

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